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**Animal Care Center
(ACC) Locations**

Agoura ACC
29525 Agoura Rd.
Agoura, CA 91301
(818) 991-0071

Baldwin Park ACC
4275 N. Elton St.
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(626) 962-3577

Carson/Gardena ACC
216 W. Victoria St.
Gardena, CA 90248
(310) 523-9566

Castaic ACC
31044 N. Charlie Cyn.
Road
Castaic, CA 91384
(661) 257-3191

Downey ACC
11258 S. Garfield Ave.
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

Lancaster ACC
5210 W. Avenue I
Lancaster, CA 93536
(661) 940-4191

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE FOUNDATION
TO OFFSET ADOPTION FEES FOR CAT ADOPTIONS
AND ADOPTIONS TO THE ASPCA
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a donation of \$300,000 from the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a gift of \$300,000 to offset adoption fees for cats and adoption fees for the ASPCA in order to increase animal adoptions from County of Los Angeles animal care centers.
2. Instruct your Board to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donors for their generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department is pleased to inform your Board that the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation (Foundation) has received a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

(ASPCA) to be used to increase the adoption of cats and pay for the adoption fees of the Department's surplus animals that are adopted by the ASPCA and transported to other animal shelters where they will be placed into permanent homes. Since this gift is in excess of \$10,000 it requires your Board's approval for acceptance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of the donation to the Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) will support the organizational goal of operational effectiveness (Goal 1) by providing more resources to allow residents and the ASPCA to adopt animals from County of Los Angeles (County) animal care centers.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS / LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit foundation. The Foundation's sole purpose is to assist and promote the programs of the Department. Your Board approved an agreement between the Foundation and the Department on October 21, 2002, pursuant to County policies requiring Board approval of agreements between County departments and their supporting non-profit foundations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This donation will provide additional resources to promote the adoption of cats and for the ASPCA to adopt and transport surplus animals from County animal care centers. This grant will be used to pay 100 percent of the total adoption fees. The current cost to adopt a cat is \$90, or it is \$50 if it is already sterilized. The cost for an ASPCA adoption is \$25, the standard Department nonprofit adoption fee.

By subsidizing the cost of cat adoptions, more cats will be adopted into new loving homes. In August 2015 the ASPCA provided a grant to subsidize the adoption costs for cats. The adoption subsidy for cats had a marked impact on increasing the adoption rate for cats. Previously, cat adoption rates hovered between approximately

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23-26 percent of incoming cats. The fee subsidy for cat adoptions raised the adoption rate to nearly 34 percent. The gross number of adoptions rose from approximately 4,835 cats to 5,794, an increase of 19.8 percent. This grant is ending, and the new grant will continue this successful program.


The ASPCA adopts and transports animals, most commonly small dogs, from County animal care centers to other animal shelters. These animal shelters have a deficit of incoming dogs and are willing to receive surplus animals from the County. This program has transported more than a thousand dogs to new adoption opportunities. The ASPCA pays the Department's standard nonprofit adoption rate of \$25 per adoption. This includes a \$10 adoption fee and a \$15 microchip fee.

Since the ASPCA transports up to 50 dogs at one time, it is much more efficient for them to pay their adoption fees through this grant rather than by individual transactions.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to send letters thanking the ASPCA and the Foundation for the generous donation. Draft appreciation letters are enclosed. Also, please return one adopted, stamped Board letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office
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